

REMARKS

Claims 1-71 are pending in this application, though claims 40-71 are withdrawn. Claims 1-8 and claims 10-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0100263 ("Fanini"). Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fanini in view of Minerbo (US 6,304,086). Claims 19-39 are objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but are otherwise allowable. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowability for claims 19-39, but declines to so amend at this time and respectfully requests entry and consideration of the claims presented herein. Claims 1-71 are hereby canceled and new claims 72-102 are added. Applicant reserves the right to present any canceled claims in any amendment to this application, or in a continuing or divisional application claiming priority to this application.

Applicant believes all claims presented herein are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.

A one-month fee is believed to be due at this time. If the appropriate Petition for an Extension of Time is not attached hereto (or any other Petition required of the application), this statement shall serve as Applicants' Petition to the U.S.P.T.O. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments related to this Response to Deposit Account No. **190610 (19.0405)**, maintained by Schlumberger Technology Corporation.

The undersigned is available for consultation at any time, if the Examiner believes such consultation may expedite the resolution of any issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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